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Amendment A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2002, with a response due December 16, 2002. A petition for extension is enclosed with the action. Claims 1 – 10 are now pending. Applicant hereby requests that the application please be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please Cancel Claims 1 – 6.

Please add claims 11 – 16 as follows:

11. A flavored gelatin capsule suitable for encapsulating a dose, said flavored gelatin capsule comprising gelatin, a gelatin softener, water, and a water soluble flavoring, wherein said water soluble flavoring is present in said flavored gelatin capsule in a concentration which is in the range between about 0.25% and about 1.5% of said flavored gelatin capsule, whereby the palatability of a dose encapsulated in said flavored gelatin capsule is improved by the water soluble flavoring.
12. The flavored gelatin capsule of claim 11 further comprising a dose encapsulated therein.
13. The flavored gelatin capsule of claim 11 wherein the water soluble flavoring comprises a flavor chosen from the group consisting of berry, strawberry, chocolate, cocoa, lemon, nut, almond, cashew, macadamia nut, coconut, blueberry, blackberry, raspberry, peach, lemon, lime, mint, orange, banana, chili pepper, pepper, cinnamon, and pineapple.
14. The flavored gelatin capsule of claim 11 wherein the gelatin softener is present in a concentration in the range between 10% and 35% of said flavored gelatin capsule and the water is present in a concentration between about 6% and about 10%.
15. The flavored gelatin capsule of claim 12 wherein said dose comprises ingredients chosen from the group consisting of medicinal components and nutritive components.